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BORDER PATROL AGENTS PERFORM EAST COUNTY RESCUES

Heat related injuries prompt three separate rescue operations.

BOULEVARD, CALIFORNIA: U.S. Border Patrol Agents conducted three rescue operations yesterday as temperatures soared in the rugged mountains of East County. Border Patrol agents and the Border Search Trauma and Rescue Team (BORSTAR) rescued three migrants suffering from heat related ailments; unfortunately, another migrant died despite the rescue effort.

The first rescue occurred at approximately 11:54 a.m., near the area of LDLD Ranch and Jewell Valley Road. A concerned resident contacted the Border Patrol and reported an unconscious male in need of assistance. An agent responded to the scene, stabilized the unconscious person for transport and Mercy Air transported the individual to Grossmont Hospital.

The second rescue occurred at approximately 2:50 p.m., when a resident notified Border Patrol agents of two females in distress walking near the Lipka Ranch. A Border Patrol certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) located the victims and determined that one of them was suffering from heat exhaustion. After stabilizing the victim, the agent transported her to the Boulevard Fire Department for transportation via Mercy Air to Grossmont Hospital.

The third rescue occurred at approximately 6:05 p.m., when a 15-year-old boy, who was suffering from the initial stages of dehydration, reported that his father was in distress. Border Patrol Agents immediately began a search for the man. Unfortunately, the man passed away prior to the arrival of the rescue team. The 15-year-old boy, who was also accompanied by his uncle, was treated for dehydration. The Mexican Consulate was contacted to arrange travel arrangements for the boy and his uncle.

In a continued effort to support the Border Safety Initiative, an aggressive borderwide public safety program designed to reduce injuries and prevent fatalities, the San Diego Sector has once again reactivated its annual summer rescue campaign. The campaign includes the issuance of hot weather kits, BORSTAR heat-related rescue training and the identification of high-risk corridors through a GPS tracking system, which allows the Border Patrol to deploy air and ground resources to prevent the loss of life along our borders.

No further information is available at this time.